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1. MOST ISTANBUL DAILIES WITH MAJOR EXCEPTION LIBERAL-LEFT CUMHURIYET PROMINENTLY FEATURED (JUNE 13) GLOMAR CHALLENGER VISIT ISTANBUL. NEARLY ALL INCLUDED FULL-VIEW EXTERIOR PHOTOS OF SHIP WITH A FEW ADDING PHOTO OF TURKISH SCIENTIST MUHITTIN SENALP.

2. ALTHOUGH STORIES REFER TO REAL PURPOSE OF CHALLENGER BLACK SEA EXPEDITION, SEVERAL HEADLINES AND LEADS TONGLY IMPLY THAT MISSION RELATED TO OIL EXPLORATION DESPITE DISCLAIMERS BY SCIENTISTS WHO CONDUCTED SHIPBOARD BRIEFING FOR TURKISH JOURNALISTS SPONSORED BY USIS.

3. TURKISH SCIENTIST QUOTED AS STATING THAT BLACK SEA RICH IN OIL WHEREAS IN FACT BOTH HE AND AMERICAN SCIENTISTS EMPHASIZED THAT CHALLENGER EXPEDITIONS SPECIFICALLY AVOID ALL AREAS WHERE OIL MIGHT BE DISCOVERED.

4. TURKISH JOURNALISTS WHO VISITED SHIP WERE:
ENGIN KONUKSEVER OF MILLIYET; ALI ALAKAS OF CUMHURIYET; YALCIN PEKSEN OF CUMHURIYET; ZAFER ATAY OF TERCUMAN; ERDEM GULEY OF THA (TURKISH NEWS AGENCY); ALI BOSTANCI OF THA, ENIS
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